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	Words of Command.	*Num. of Motions.*	*Explanations.*
1.	*Poiſe your Firelocks!*	2	1ſt. SEIZE the Firelock with your Right Hand, and turn the Lock outwards, keeping the Firelock perpendicular.

2d. Bring up the Firelock with a quick Motion from the Shoulder, and ſeize it with the Left Hand juſt above the Lock, ſo that the Fingers may lie up the Stock, and Elbows down, and the Thumb to lie upon the Stock; The Firelock muſt not be held too far from the Body, and the Left Hand muſt be of an equal Height with the Eyes.

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2	*Cock your Firelocks !*	2	1ſt. Turn the Barrel oppoſite to your Face, and place your Thumb upon the Cock, raiſing the Elbow ſquare at this Motion. 2d. Cock your Firelock, by drawing your Elbow down, placing your Thumb upon the Breech Pin, and the Fingers under the Guard.
3	*Preſent !*	1	Step back about ſix Inches to the Rear with the Right Foot, bringing the Left Toe to the front; at the ſame Time the Butt End of the Firelock muſt be brought to an equal Height with your Shoulder, placing the Left Hand on the Swell, and the Forefinger of the Right Hand, be-

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			before the Trigger, ſinking the Muzzle a little.
4	*Fire!*	1	Pull the Trigger briſkly, and immediately after bringing up the Right Foot, to the inſide of the Left, come to the Priming Poſition, with the Lock oppoſite to the Right Breaſt, the Muzzle the Height of the Hat, keeping it ſteady, and at the ſame Time ſeize the Cock with the Fore-finger and Thumb of the Right Hand, the Back of the Hand turned up.
5	*Half-Cock your Firelocks!*	1	Half bend the Cock briſkly with a draw back of the Right Elbow, bringing

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			ing it close to the Butt of the Firelock.
6	*Handle your Cartridges!*	1	Bring your Right Hand with a short Round to your Pouch, slapping it hard; seize the Cartridge, and bring it with a quick Motion to your Mouth, bite the Top well off and bring the Hand as low as the Chin, with the Elbow down.
7	*Prime!*	1	Shake the Powder into the Pan, placing the three last Fingers behind the Hammer, with the Elbow up.
8	*Shut your Pans!*	2	1st. Shut your Pans briskly, drawing your Right Arm at this Motion towards your Body, holding the

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			the Cartridge faſt in your Hand, as in the former Poſition.
			2d Turn the Piece nimbly round to the loading Poſition with the Lock to the Front, and the Muzzle the Height of the Chin, bringing the Right Hand behind the Muzzle; both Feet kept faſt in this Motion.
9	*Charge with Cartridge!*	2	1ſt. Turn up your Hand and put the Cartridge into the Muzzle, ſhaking the Powder into the Barrel.
			2d. Place your Hand, cloſed, with a quick and ſtrong Motion upon the Rammer.

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10	*Draw your Rammers !*	2	1ſt. Draw the Rammer with a quick Motion, half out ſeizing it at the Muzzle back-handed. 2d. Draw it quite out, turn it, and enter it into the Muzzle.
11	*Ram down your Cartridge !*	1	Ram the Cartridge well down the Barrel, inſtantly recovering and ſeizing the Rammer back-handed at the Centre, turning it and entering it as far as the lower Pipe, placing at the ſame Time the Edge of the Hand on the butt End of the Rammer, with Fingers extended.
12	*Return your Rammers !*	1	Return the Rammer bringing up the Piece with the Left Hand to the Shoulder,

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			Shoulder, ſeizing it with the Right Hand under the Cock, keeping the Left Hand faſt at the Swell, turning the Body ſquare to the Front.
13	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	2.	1ſt. Quit the Left Hand and place it ſtrong upon the Butt. 2d. Quit the Right Hand and throw it down the Right Side.
14	*Reſt your Firelocks!*	3.	1ſt. Seize the Firelock with the Right Hand, turning the Lock outwards. 2d. Raiſe the Firelock from your Shoulder, and place your Left Hand with a quick Motion above the Lock, holding the Piece

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			right up and down in both Hands before you, and your Left Hand even with your Eyes.
			3d. Step briſkly back with your Right Foot, placing it a Hand's breadth diſtant from your Left Heel, at the ſame Time bring down the Firelock, as quick as poſſible to your reſt, ſinking it as far down before your Left Knee as your Right Hand will permit without conſtraint; your Left Hand at the Feather Spring, and your Right with Fingers extended held under the Guard, taking care to draw in the Muzzle well towards your Body, and to dreſs in a Line with the Butt End.
15	*Order your Firelocks!*	3	1ſt. Place your Firelock nimbly with your Left Hand

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		Hand againſt your Right Shoulder.
		2d. Quit the Firelock with the Right Hand, and ſinking it at the ſame Time with your Left, ſeize it at the Muzzle, which muſt be of an equal height with your Chin, and hold it cloſe againſt your Right Side.
		3d. Lift up your Right Foot, and place it by your Left; at the ſame Time throw back your Left Hand by your Left Side, and with your Right, bring down the Butt-End ſtrong upon the Ground, placing it even with the Toe of your Right Foot; the Thumb of your Right Hand lying along the Barrel, and the Muzzle kept at a little diſtance from your Body.

	Words of Command.	*Num. of Motion.*	*Explanations.*
16	*Ground your Firelocks!*	4	1ſt. Half Face to the Right upon your Heels, and at the ſame Time turn the Firelock ſo that the Lock may point to the Rear, and the flat of the Butt-End lie againſt the inſide of your Foot, at the ſame Time ſlipping the Right Foot behind the Butt of the Firelock, the Right Toe pointing to the Right and the Left to the Front. 2d. Step directly forward with your Left Foot, about as far as the Swell of the Firelock, and lay it upon the Ground, your Left Hand hanging down by your Left Leg, and your Right kept faſt with the Butt-End againſt it.

3d.

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			3d. Raiſe yourſelf up again nimbly, bringing back your Left Foot to its former Poſition, keeping your Body faced to the Right.
			4th. Face again to the Left upon your Heels, and come to your proper Front, letting your Hands hang down without Motion.
17	*Take up your Firelocks!*	4	1ſt. Face to the Right upon both Heels.
			2d. Sink your Body down, and come to the Poſition deſcribed in the ſecond Motion of grounding.
			3d. Raiſe yourſelf, and Firelock, bringing it cloſe to your Right Side.

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			4th. Come to your proper Front ſeizing the Firelock at the Muzzle, as in Explanation fifteen.
18	*Reſt your Firelocks!*	3	1ſt. Bring your Right Hand as far as the Swell. 2d. Raiſe the Firelock, high up in a Perpendicular Line from the Ground with your Right Hand, and ſeize it with the Left above the Spring, the Cock the Height of the Waiſt-Belt. 3d. Step back with your Right Foot, placing it behind your Left Heel, and come to the Reſt.

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19	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	2	1ſt. Lift up your Right Foot, and place it by your Left; bring the Firelock at the ſame Time to your Left Shoulder, and ſeize the Butt-End with the Left Hand, keeping it in the ſame Poſition as above deſcribed. 2d. Throw your Right Hand briſkly back.
20	*Secureyour Firelocks!*	3	1ſt. Bring the Right Hand briſkly up, and place it under the Cock, keeping the Firelock ſteady in the ſame Poſition. 2d. Quit the Butt with the Left Hand, and ſeize the Firelock with it at the Swell, bringing the Elbow cloſe down upon the Lock; The

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			The Right Hand kept fast in this Motion, and the Piece ſtill upright.
			3d. Quit the Right Hand, and bring it down your Right Side, bringing the Firelock nimbly down to the Secure; the Left Hand in a Line with the Waiſt-Belt.
21	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	3	1ſt. Bring the Firelock up to a perpendicular Line, ſeizing it with the Right Hand under the Cock.
			2d. Quit the Left Hand and place it ſtrong upon the Butt.
			3d. Quit the Right Hand, and bring it ſmartly down the Right Side.

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	Words of Command.	*Num of Motions.*	*Explanations.*
22	*Fix your Bayonets!*	3	1ſt. and 2d. Motions, as in the Two firſt of the Secure. 3d. Quit the Right Hand, and bring the Firelock ſmartly down to the Left Side with the Left Hand, as far as it will admit without conſtraint, ſeizing the Bayonet at the ſame Time with the Right Hand, and fixing it, placing that Hand juſt below the Braſs, with the Piece kept cloſe to the hollow of the Shoulder.
23	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	3	1ſt. Quit the Right Hand, and bring up the Firelock with the Left, ſeize it again under the Cock with your Right, as in the ſecond Motion of the Secure.

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			2d. Quit the Left Hand and place it ſtrong upon the Butt.
			3d. Quit the Right Hand, and bring it down the Right Side.
24	*Preſent your Arms!*	3	As explained in the Motions of the Fourteenth Word of Command.
25	*To the Right Face!*	3	1ſt. Bring up the Fire-lock, with a quick Motion high before you, till your Left Hand comes even with your Eyes, with the Fingers of that Hand extended along the Stock juſt above the Feather Spring. The Right Foot to be brought cloſe up to the Left Heel in this Motion.

2d.

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			2d. Face to the Right, taking care in Facing, to hold the Firelock right up, and down, and ſteady in your Hands.
			3d. Step back with your Right Foot and come down to your Preſent.
6	*To the Right Face.*	3	As in the foregoing Explanation.
7	*To the Right about Face!*	3	As in the foregoing Explanation, coming to the Right about, inſtead of to the Right.
8	*To the Left Face!*	3	1ſt. Bring the Right Foot briſkly to the Hollow of your Left with the Firelock, in the ſame Poſition as in the firſt Motion of facing to the Right.
			2d. Face to the Left.

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			3d. Come down to the Preſent.
29	*To the Left Face!*	3	As before.
30	*To the Left about Face!*	3	As before, coming to the Left about, inſtead of to the Left.
31	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	2	As in the two Motions of Explanation nineteen.
32	*Charge your Bayonets!*	2	1ſt. As in Explanation one. 2d. Bring the Swell of the Firelock down ſtrong upon the Palm of the Hand, turning upon both Heels to the Right, the Right Hand graſping the Piece at the Small behind the Lock, and as high as the

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			the Waiſt-Belt; the Firelock upon a Level with the Barrel upwards.
33	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	2	1ſt. Bring up the Firelock to the Shoulder, place the Left Hand upon the Butt, bringing the Feet ſquare to the Front. 2d. Quit the Right Hand, and throw it down the Right Side.
34	*Advance your Arms!*	4	1ſt. and 2d. as in Explanation one. 3d. Bring the Firelock down the Right Side, with the Right Hand as low as it will admit without Conſtraint, ſlipping up the Left Hand at the ſame Time to the Swell, the Guard

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			Guard between the Thumb and fore-Finger of the Right Hand, the three laſt Fingers under the Cock with the Barrel to the Rear.
			4th. Quit the Left Hand.
35	*Shoulder your Firelocks!*	4	1ſt. Bring up the Left Hand and ſeize it at the Swell.
			2d. Come ſmartly up to a Poiſe.
			3d. and 4th. Shoulder.

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Priming and Loading.

Prime & Load. | *Num. of Motions.* 15 | 1ſt. COME ſmartly to the Recover by ſpringing the Firelock ſtrait up with the Left Hand, turning the Barrel inwards to the proper Height of the Recover; at the ſame Time that the Left Hand ſprings the Firelock, the Right Hand is raiſed briſkly from the Right Side, and ſeizes the Firelock a-croſs the Breaſt; as it riſes below the Cock, the Left Hand comes with a quick Motion from the Butt, and ſeizes the Firelock ſtrong above the Lock, the little Finger of the Left Hand at the Spring of the Lock, the Left Hand at an equal Height with the Face, the Butt cloſe

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to the Body, but not preſſed, the Firelock perpendicular oppoſite the Left Side of the Face.

2d. Bring the Firelock down with a briſk Motion to the priming Poſition, the Left Hand holding the Firelock, as in priming, the Thumb of the Right Hand placed againſt the Face of the Steel, the Fingers clenched, and the Elbow a little turned out, that the Wriſt may be clear of the Cock.

3d. Open the Pan by throwing up the Steel with a ſtrong Motion of the Right Arm, turning the elbow in and keeping the Firelock ſteady in the Left Hand.

4th. Handle your Cartridge!
5th. Prime!
6th. Shut Pans!
7th. Caſt about!
8th. and 9th. Load!
10th. and 11th. Draw Rammers!
12th. Ram down the Cartridge!
13th. Return the Rammers!
14th. and 15th. Shoulder!

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Explanations.

N. B. The Motion of Recover and coming down to the priming Poſition, and opening Pans, to be done in the uſual Time.

The Motions of handling Cartridge, to ſhutting the Pans, to be done as quick as poſſible, when the Pans are ſhut, a ſmall Pauſe is to be made, and caſt about together; then the Loading Motions are to be done as quick as poſſible; but before the Rammer is return'd, another ſmall Pauſe is to be made counting one, two, between each Motion, till the Firelock is Shouldered.

EXPLANATIONS OF THE *Poſition of each Rank* IN THE FIRINGS.

Front Rank.

Making ready.	*Num. of Motions.*

SPRING the Firelock briſkly to the Recover, keeping the Left Foot faſt in this Motion; ſo ſoon as the Firelock is at the Recover, without any ſtop ſink the Body briſkly without ſtooping forward, with a quick Motion down upon the Right Knee, the Butt-End of the Firelock at the ſame Time falls upon the Ground; the front Part of the Butt to be in a Line with the Heel of the Left Foot; ſo ſoon as the Butt comes to the Ground, the Firelock is to be cocked, immediately ſeizing the Cock and Steel in the Right Hand,

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		Hand, the Firelock to be held firm in the Left Hand, about the Middle of that Part of the Firelock between the Lock and the Swell of the Stock; the Point of the Left Thumb to be close to the Swell pointing upwards.
		As the Body is sinking, the Right Knee is to be thrown so far back as the Left Leg may be right up and down, the Right Foot to be thrown a little to the Right, the Body to be kept straight, the Head up looking to the Right along the Rank, the same as if Shouldered; the Firelock to be upright, and Butt about four Inches to the Right of the inside of the Left Foot.

Words of Command.	*Num. of Motions.*	*Explanations.*
Preſent!	1	Bring the Firelock briſkly down to the Preſent, by extending the Left Arm to the full length, with a ſtrong Motion; at the ſame Time ſpring up the Butt by the Cock with the Right Hand, and raiſe up the Butt ſo high upon the Right Shoulder, that you may not be obliged to ſtoop too much with the Head, the Right Cheek to be cloſe to the Butt, and the Left eye ſhut, and look along the Barrel, with the Right Eye from the Breech Pin to the Muzzle; keep the Left Elbow down in an eaſy Poſition, and ſtand as ſteady as poſſible, the Thumb of the Right Hand to remain in the Poſition as

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		as deſcribed in the third Explanation of the Manual.
Fire!	1	Pull the Trigger as directed in the Manual, and ſo ſoon as the Piece is fired, give yourſelf a ſtrong ſpring upon your Left Leg, raiſing your Body briſkly and ſtraight up keeping your Left Foot faſt, and bringing the Right Heel to the inſide of the Left; at the ſame Time the Firelock is to be brought up to the priming Poſition, and half cocked immediately; a ſhort Pauſe is to be made, then handle cartridges and go on with the Loading Motions deſcribed in the Explanation of Prime and Load.

Center

Center Rank.

Making ready. | *Num. of Motions.*

SPRING the Firelo briſkly to the Recove ſo ſoon as the Left Ha ſeizes the Firelock above the Lock, the Rig Elbow is to be nimbly raiſed a little, placing t Thumb of that Hand upon the Cock, the Fi gers open by the Plate of the Lock, and as quic as poſſible force the Piece to the Cock, by dro ping the Elbow, and forcing down the Co with the Thumb, ſtepping at the ſame Time moderate Pace to the Right, keeping the L Foot faſt; as the Firelock is cocked, the Thum is to fall below the Cock, the Right Hand ſeizi the Firelock cloſe under the Cock firmly; t fore-Finger not to be before the Trigger: T Piece to be held in this Poſition perpendicul oppoſite the Left Side of the Face, the Bu cloſe to the Left Breſt, but not preſſed, t Body to be ſtraight, and as full to the Front poſſible; the Head kept up, looking to t Right of the Rank, that the Body and the Fir lock may not ſtoop forward, nor lean much o of the Rank.

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Words of Command.	*Num. of Motions.*	*Explanations.*
Preſent !	1	Spring the Firelock from the Body to Arms length with a quick Motion, preſſing down the Muzzle with the left Hand and ſpring up the Butt with the Right Hand, as in the foregoing Explanation of the front Rank.
Fire !	1	As in Explanation four in the Manual, with this Difference, that the Left Foot is to be brought up to the Right at the ſame Time that the Firelock is brought down to the priming Poſition.
		The Loading Motions as in the Explanations of Priming and Loading, and at the laſt Motion of Shouldering, to ſpring to the Left again and cover the File Leaders.

Rear

Words of Command.	*Num. of Motions.*	Rear Rank.
Making ready.		RECover the Firelo and Cock as befo directed for the Cen Rank. As the Firelock recovered and cocked, fl briſkly ſtraight to t Right with the Right Fo a full pace, bringing t Left Heel about ſix Inch before the Right Foot; t Body ſtraight and as ſqua to the Front as poſſible.
Preſent!	1	As in Explanation the Centre Rank.
Fire!	1	As in Explanation the Centre Rank, and the Firelock is comi down to the priming Po tion, the Left Foot is to b brought back to the Rig and at the laſt Motion Shouldering, to ſpring the Left again, and cov the File leader.

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